



NEWS ADVISORY

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Waiver Approval Expands Insurance Coverage to 25,000 Utah Adults

WHAT: Health and Human Services (HHS) Secretary Tommy G. Thompson will formally approve Utah's request for a federal waiver to expand benefits for primary care and preventive services to about 25,000 residents who otherwise would not have access to health coverage. Governor Mike Leavitt will sign into law House Bill 122 that will further increase health care access by enabling insurance carriers to offer similar coverage via a partnership with employers and the private insurance market.

WHO: Tommy G. Thompson, Secretary of Health and Human Services
Michael O. Leavitt, Governor, State of Utah
Rod Betit, Executive Director, Utah Department of Health (UDOH)
Rebecca D. Lockhart, Utah House of Representatives

WHEN: Saturday, February 9, 2002
2:00 p.m.

WHERE: *Primary Children's Medical Center, multipurpose room, 3rd floor

* Enter the University of Utah campus by way of 100 South. Please use the parking terrace on the North end of Primary Children's Medical Center and enter through the North door.